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## MEMORANDUM

To: Tessa DeLong, Senior Transportation Program Manager  
From: Joel Neimeyer, Federal Co-Chair  
Date: February 17, 2011  
Re: Concurrence on FY 2011 Waterfront Development Project Selections

This memo is written in response to your memo of February 14, 2011. The following is offered.

1. I accept the funding recommendations for 25 waterfront projects as noted in your memo. This includes the priority identified on which projects get funded first – given continuing resolution issues.
2. I accept the recommendation for assigning Angoon, Hooper Bay, Huslia, and Karluk to existing program partners, via existing awards (funded through previous funding years).
3. I accept the recommendation that 12 applications are ineligible for the waterfront program.

In addition to the points raised in your memo I wish to add the following items for you to consider in future work and communications with the transportation advisory committee (TAC) and the transportation program.

- I was pleased the TAC members at our most recent meeting discussed the matter of communities that heretofore have not accessed either the Commission's surface roads or waterfront programs. I believe it is important that we partner with local, regional, state and federal partners in expanding the access of the Commission's transportation program to these communities. I am interested in the TAC members thoughts on how best we might accomplish this goal.
- Lastly, with the US Department of Transportation – Office of Inspector General's audit of the Commission transportation program soon to be released, we must pay close attention in working with the TAC members on how to respond to the report. I note that the audit has caused the management of the transportation program to adjust (i.e. formal recusals, meeting minutes, etc.) and that internally we also will need to develop a staffing response to the audit.

Please thank your staff for a job well done on this most recent round of waterfront development projects.



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*John Smith*  
*for Tessa DeLong*

The Denali Commission's (Commission's) Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met in Anchorage, AK January 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to score FY 2011 waterfront development projects. In accordance with the Commission's transportation program and TAC policies the list of projects is forwarded to you by program staff for your review and approval.

The following table details the TAC recommendations in rank order and includes the following: project ranking, community and project title, project sponsor assignment, recommended Commission funding amount, and final ranking score. Additional details regarding the project ranking, scoring and selection, and TAC member discussion and recusal are contained in the January 18-20<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting minutes.

Because the Commission is operating under the Continuing Resolution (CR) for FY 2011, the program has received only small, sporadic apportionments of transportation funding. As a result, both the waterfront development and roads projects will need to be prioritized by staff for award based on the following:

- Projects which are scheduled for spring bid release and spring/summer/fall construction, and which have all cost share match funds in-hand will be first priorities. This will be done in an effort to avoid delayed construction seasons and the associated acceleration in project costs and potential redesign work
- Projects may not be funded in part, resulting in a need for a balance of funds to fully cover a given project before an award can be finalized.

The following projects are recommended for FY 2011 waterfront development funding by the TAC:

FY 2011 Waterfront Projects Recommended					
Ranking	Community/Project	Commission Funding Amount	*Non-Federal Match Needed	Score	Recommend Assignment
1	Ouzinkie - Dock Replacement Phase II - Construction	\$1,000,000	\$0	147.3	City of Ouzinkie



Ranking	Community/Project	Commission Funding Amount	*Non-Federal Match Needed	Score	Recommend Assignment
2	Kotzebue - Swan Lake Improvements - Construction	\$800,000	\$200,000	129	City of Kotzebue
3	Hoonah - Marine Industrial Center Phase III - Construction	\$657,000	\$0	124	City of Hoonah
4	Nome - Port of Nome High Mast Light Foundations and Towers - Construction	\$666,508	\$0	122.8	City of Nome
5 (see further guidance below)	Mooring Points -Phase IV- Construction	\$3,920,000	\$980,000	121.9	Corps of Engineers
6	Mooring Points - Phase III- Construction	\$1,680,000	\$420,000	121.9	Corps of Engineers
7	Wrangell - City Dock Rehabilitation - Construction	\$762,000	\$0	121.9	City of Wrangell
8	Igiugig - Barge Landing - Final Design/Construction	\$502,044	\$0	121	Lake & Peninsula Borough
9	Illiamna - Dock Rehabilitation - Final Design/Construction	\$608,000	\$0	121	Lake & Peninsula Borough
10	Kokhanok- Barge Landing - Final Design/Construction	\$326,384	\$0	121	Lake & Peninsula Borough
11	Hydaburg - Small Boat Harbor - Construction	\$1,000,000	\$0	120	City of Hydaburg or Corps of Engineers
12	False Pass - Harbor Utility Project - Construction	\$996,461	\$0	114.4	Aleutians East Borough
13	Togiak - Transit Facility Improvements - Final Design/Construction	\$40,000	\$10,000	112.9	Corps of Engineers

Ranking	Community/Project	Commission Funding Amount	*Non-Federal Match Needed	Score	Recommend Assignment
14	Bethel - City Dock East Wing Wall - Design	\$200,000	\$0	111.6	City of Bethel
15	Unalaska – Distressed Vessel Moorage - Preliminary Engineering	\$200,000	\$50,000	111.3	City of Unalaska
16	Statewide Barge Landing Site Investigations	\$200,000	\$50,000	109.3	Corps of Engineers
17	Ketchikan - Bar Harbor Drive Down Ramp - New Start	\$100,000	\$0	106.4	City of Ketchikan
18	Saint Michael – Port Development - New Start	\$120,000	\$30,000	105.6	Corps of Engineers
19	Kodiak Island Borough - Anton Larson Dock Improvements – Construction	\$80,000	\$0	102.4	Kodiak Island Borough
20	Kake - Boat Launch Replacement - New Start	\$120,000	\$30,000	95.1	Corps of Engineers
21	Holy Cross - Preliminary Engineering	\$120,000	\$30,000	88	Corps of Engineers
22	Akutan - City Dock Improvements – Design	\$48,000	\$12,000	86.9	City of Akutan
23	Homer – Small Boat Harbor Float - Statewide Mooring Points Phase III - Design/New Start	\$440,000	\$0	83.3	City of Homer
24	Tenakee Springs – Ferry Dock Improvements - Design	\$160,000	\$40,000	83.1	Corps of Engineers
25	Seward - Boat Harbor Replacement - New Start/Design	\$80,000	\$20,000	48.7	City of Seward
<b>FY11 Waterfront Total -</b>		<b>Denali Commission \$14,826,397</b>	<b>Non-Federal Match \$1,872,000</b>		



The list above has purposefully been provided with a recommended Denali Commission funding amount that exceeds the expected available program funds for waterfront development in FY2011. The TAC recognized this, and recommended that project number 5, Mooring Points Phase IV, which includes a number of prioritized communities, be reduced as necessary to fall within the available funding range.

\*Projects identified for funding in the "Non-Federal Match" column will be funded with Federal Transit Authority (FTA) appropriation the Commission receives. FTA funded projects require a 20% non-federal match in addition to the Commission funds. The source of these funds will be the \$1,500,000 provided from the State of Alaska to the Commission in State FY2010, and prior State of Alaska match in the amount of ~\$80,000 that the Commission currently has available.

For projects which require federal match the "Commission Funding Amount" has been reached by taking the original funding request, and subtracting the required 20% non-federal match. For example, in the case of project 28 above, Seward Boat Harbor Replacement, the total request to the Commission was \$100,000, of which \$20,000 is required in Non-Federal match, leaving the Commission to fund \$80,000.

The following projects are recommended by the TAC, but have \$0 funding values for FY 2011 as they are proposed for assignment to existing Technical Services awards with the partner identified in the table below:

<b>FY 2011 Waterfront Project Selections Assigned to Partners</b>				
<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Community/Project</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
N/A	Angoon - Barge Facility - Design	\$0	86	Corps of Engineers
N/A	Hooper Bay - Barge Landing Design	\$0	Not Scored	Corps of Engineers
N/A	Huslia - Barge Landing - Design	\$0	Not Scored	Corps of Engineers
N/A	Karluk - Barge Landing Improvements - New Start	\$0	Not Scored	Corps of Engineers

The following projects were submitted for the FY 2011 nomination process, but were deemed ineligible by the TAC, or were removed from consideration by the project sponsor as detailed below:

<b>FY 2011 Waterfront Projects Withdrawn or Ineligible</b>				
<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Community/Project</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Reason for Ineligibility</b>
N/A	Kotzebue - Cape Blossom Deep Water Port - New Start/Feasibility Study/Design	\$0	Ineligible	The project is not at the phase identified in the application; and is not ready to proceed
N/A	Nondalton - Dock Boat Launch Facility - Construction	\$0	Ineligible	Project ineligible due to incomplete application

<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Community/Project</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Reason for Ineligibility</b>
N/A	Petersburg – Harbor Project	\$0	Ineligible	Project removed from consideration by sponsor
N/A	Sand Point - Robert Galovin Small Boat Harbor Rehabilitation - New Start/Design	\$0	Ineligible	Project match not secured
N/A	Wrangell - Heritage Harbor Boat Ramp - Construction	\$0	Ineligible	Project removed from consideration by sponsor
N/A	Coffman Cove - Drive Down Bridge Replacement - Construction	\$0	Ineligible	Project to be resubmitted by sponsor in FY2012 or beyond once construction estimate is secured
N/A	Point Mackenzie - Ferry Dock - Construction	\$0	Ineligible	Project ineligible due to location. Project not considered to benefit rural Alaska.
N/A	Saxman - Harbor - New Start/Planning	\$0	Ineligible	Project removed from consideration by sponsor
N/A	Saxman - Harbor - Construction	\$0	Ineligible	Project removed from consideration by sponsor
N/A	Saxman - Seaport Warehouse- Planning	\$0	Ineligible	Project removed from consideration by sponsor
N/A	Saxman - Seaport Warehouse - Construction	\$0	Ineligible	Project removed from consideration by sponsor
N/A	Eek - Barge Landing - Construction	\$0	Ineligible	Project ineligible given cost of proposed solution.

Upon receipt of your modifications and/or approval program staff will move forward with issuing letters to successful and unsuccessful project sponsors and begin development of award documents using the project prioritization methods described above.